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We attempted for the first time, I think, to consolidate a number of those resolutions and those are starred in the Journal. We have also passed a motion that the Board will not tolerate studying of the same issue by more than one Committee so that we can avoid duplication in terms of studying of issues. This again is not an attempt to stifle Committees but to provide for orderly discussion of issues as they are presented in the interim. There are a lot of things that we need to do and I want to make this a part of the record today in terms of our efforts as far as interim study is concerned, but I think we try to make the first step now, and I would ask for some patience in terms of organizing this carefully enough that we can do the right job, and with those remarks, Mr. President, I would ask for the acceptance of the recommendations for interim studies by the Exec Board.

SPEAKER MARVEL: The motion is the adoption of the report as amended. Senator Carsten.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Mr. President, I wonder if I could ask Senator Lewis a question.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: Yes, sir.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Lewis, I am fully aware of the job that you have done in the Reference Committee and think you need to be commended for it. My only question is, as I recall the procedure for studies does not necessarily have to be confined to an interim study resolution if the Committee Chairman and Committee deems a problem is serious enough to incorporate that into their summer study, it is permissible. Is that correct, Senator Lewis?

SENATOR LEWIS: That is absolutely correct. Absolutely correct.

SENATOR CARSTEN: In some of these areas we may not be able to stay within those confines of a resolution but may get over the border a little bit into other areas that are directly related is the reason I ask the question, Senator Lewis.

SENATOR LEWIS: The purpose is not to try to stymie the Committees' ability, but it is important that we understand